

U. S. Leaders 'Inconsistent' On Communism And Spain

Washington (NC) — One of the major figures in the anti-communist movement in Washington is an attitude of certain of its prominent figures which has been sharply accentuated by the current discussion of a \$100,000,000 loan to Spain.

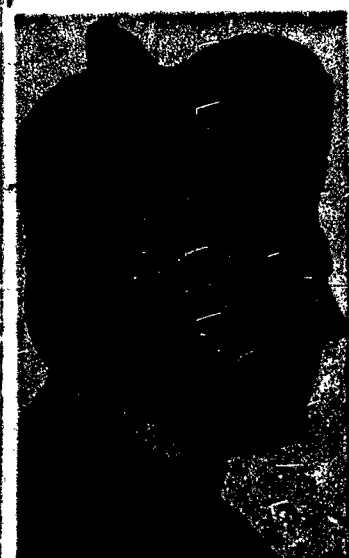
The attitude is apparently a carry-over from the days of the Spanish civil war a dozen years ago. Then, these people went out of their way to side with the Reds against the Nationalist forces led by Generalissimo Francisco Franco. They apologized for the Reds, they assisted them in many ways, and they talked their case. They developed an intense dislike for anything anti-communist. Everybody and every-thing that was opposed to communism was lumped together under the label of "fascist". Fascism was made to appear more despicable than communism.

The fighting in Spain ended, but certain persons went along with the barrage of propaganda which slowed down only imperceptibly. They got something of a shock when Stalin signed his infamous pact with Hitler, but they were reassured when Hitler attacked Russia and Moscow became an ally of the democratic powers.

They were able to say, with the Reds and the follow-travelers, that we had to overlook what we regarded as the shortcomings of the Russian communists; that this was war; that we all had to try to get along; that we had to put up a united front.

AND IN SPAIN, where the Kremlin was making a supreme

Cardinal Lavitrano Dies At 76



Rome — (RNS) — Luigi Cardinal Lavitrano, Præfekt of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, died here at the age of 76. He was named a Cardinal in 1959 by Pope Pius XII.

Last December, Pope Pius XII appointed him as Præfekt of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, whose motherhouse is in Erie Pa.

Cardinal Lavitrano's death reduces membership in the College of Cardinals to 53, or 17 below the full quota of 70. There are now 18 Italian and 34 non-Italian Cardinals.

because the arguments these people level against the Franco regime are applicable with a thousand times more force to many of the countries we are already doing full business with. Some of these latter countries have boasted they would send men and other assistance to the Reds in Korea who are fighting the United States and the United Nations. In Spain, men have sought to enlist to fight with the United Nations against the Reds in Korea.

A point some people seem incapable of overlooking is this: Spain more than a decade ago met the threat of communism face to face within its borders and put it down. That sounds something like what we're trying to do ourselves.

Junior Newman Clubs Proposed For Catholic Pupils In Public High Schools

(National Center, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

Take an average teen-ager, graduate him from Catholic grade school, send him to a public high school, and in two weeks you'll often have a young agnostic—a youth who is not sure of what true Catholic doctrine is or how much of it he believes.

It happens every fall—not because they don't want to go to Catholic high schools, but simply because there is none in the neighborhood . . . or because attendance is limited to those with the very highest I.Q.'s . . . or because they have no facilities for business or technical studies. For such reasons three out of every four Catholics of high-school age will this year be in public, secularist high schools. Or, to state it more forcefully, 75% of this segment of tomorrow's Catholic adults will this year study every imaginable subject, except religion, in schools where not a few teachers (and some classmates) are lacking in faith and may well be low on moral values.

One freshman subject is sure to be either a science or a history survey course. Later, when parish Confraternity classes start, the priest or sister or adult teacher will have to apologize for many class periods in proving to pupils, who too often have memorized their catechism without first understanding it, the very first question in that book: "Who made us?" "Why did God make us?"

For two weeks public school teachers will have given these pupils a materialist or atheist view of "who made us?" according to some variation of the standard theme song: "first there was a ball of fire going round and round, whirling furiously in space, then parts flew off and cooled and there was life on these various planets." Or, they have been given the "facts" of man's evolution without mention of the soul's creation, with the inference to "evolve" yourself, be a success, have power, make a lot of money. And the Confraternity teacher must prove, all over again, such fundamental truths as you can't get something from nothing, that a world cannot make itself, that men came from God and not from monkeys.

"BUT FATHER, my science teacher says . . . But Father, it's in my science book . . ."

"Does your science teacher know all things?" Father asks, in turn. "Is everything right just because it's in the textbook?"

Then the 364-question, meant to be an answer: "But Father, why would they put it in the book if it's not true?"

FOR SUCH puzzled youths most parishes conduct some form of religious class after school hours. By and large, attendance at parish Confraternity high school classes is unappreciable. Where released time is in order, results are relatively better. And released time, as long as classes are held off the public school property, is still very legal. The Court's 1948 decision is instruction on released time on school property is either not practical property. But in many areas even for the parish or not permitted by local officials.

At best not more than 30

Irish Court Upholds Pre-Nuptial Pacts

Dublin — (RNS) — Ireland's Supreme Court, in a 4-1 decision, has ruled that pre-nuptial agreements concerning the religious education of children of mixed marriages are of a binding nature and must be upheld.

The court dismissed the appeal of Ernest Tilson of Dublin from an order of the President of the High Court, directing him to restore to his wife, Mrs. Mary Josephine Tilson, the three children of their marriage.

Mr. Tilson is a member of the Church of Ireland (Anglican), and his wife is a Roman Catholic. They were married in a Catholic church in Dublin, and the husband had agreed before the marriage that their children should be brought up in the Catholic religion.

He later denied that this agreement was binding, and placed the three children in a home for Protestant youth.

Mission Completed For U. S. Woman

Rome (NC) — Visiting St. Peter's Brother Walter Benke, a Maryknoller from California stationed at Maryknoll College here, saw a gray-haired woman who looked to be about 80, sitting crying on the basilica steps.

"When I saw she was an American, apparently here for a Holy Year visit, I asked if I could help her," he said telling the story. "She shook her head and told me: . . ."

"I have been helped. There are only two things in the world that I ever really wanted to see. One is a city, the other a person. I saw both this morning."

St. Maria Goretti Biography Published

Milwaukee — (NC) — "St. Maria Goretti," a biography by Marie Cecilia Buehrle of the newly canonized Martyr of Chastity, will be the September selection of the Catholic Literary Foundation.

Miss Buehrle did her research work on the spot and became a friend of the new Saint's mother. The book covers the whole story of Maria's life, the miracles which occurred through her intercession, and her beatification and canonization.

Girl Makes Monkey Out Of Atheist

Toledo — (NC) — The Marxist indoctrination given one young Chinese Catholic school girl backfired against the instructor.

"Where did you come from?" he asked the 12-year-old girl as he questioned her on the origin of man.

"God made me," the girl replied.

"But that is nonsense and superstition," he countered. "God didn't make man. We all came from the monkey."

"Maybe you came from the monkey," the girl retorted. "But God made me."

Spanish Statue For School Library

Dayton — (NC) — The Mariana Library at the University of Dayton will soon have a silver statue of Our Lady of the Pillar, a 30-inch replica of the original statue at Saragossa, Spain. It was announced by university officials.

The statue is a gift of the Saragossa Municipal Council and was suggested by Pablo Merry del Val, cultural relations counselor of the Spanish Embassy in Washington. Mr. Merry del Val visited the Marian Library in May on the occasion of the Marianist Triple Centennial.

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